

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Claims 13-20 are new. In view of the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's thoughtful consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §103:

Claims 1-12 were rejected as being anticipated by USPN 5,982,507 issued to Weiser. In view of USPN 6,292,796 issued to Drucker. The Examiner asserted that the combination of Weiser and Drucker teaches a system that includes a first client computer having first software with a print functionality, a second client computer, a network connecting said first and second client computers, and means for effecting communication of a document from said first client to said second client as email via said print functionality thereof.

Claim 13 is directed to a system for distributing information. That system includes a logical printer, a client agent, and a processor operable to execute the logical printer and the client agent. Claim 13 further recites the following:

1. the logical printer is integrated with the print functionality of a client computer and is configured to launch the client agent and provide the client agent with a document; and
2. the client agent is configured to connect to a server remote from the client computer, to send the document to the server, to receive a user interface from the server, the user interface enabling a user to enter data identifying a destination for the document, and to return data entered by the user through the user interface to the server so that the server can send the document to a destination identified by the data.

The combination of Weiser and Drucker fail to teach a logical printer and a client agent configured as recited by Claim 13. For at least this reason, Claim 13 is patentable over those references as are Claims 14 and 15 which depend from Claim 13.

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Claim 16 is directed to a system for distributing information. The system includes a client computer in network communication with a server. The client computer includes a logical printer, a client agent, and a processor operable to execute the logical printer and the client agent. The server includes a server agent and a processor operable to execute the server agent. Claim 16 further recites the following:

1. the logical printer is integrated with the print functionality of the client computer and is configured to launch the client agent and provide the client agent with a document; and
2. the client agent is configured to connect to the server agent, to send the document to the server agent, to receive a user interface from the server, the user interface enabling a user to enter data identifying a destination for the document, and to return data entered by the user through the user interface to the server agent;
3. the server agent is configured to receive the document from the client agent, send the user interface to the client agent, receive the data entered through the user interface from the client agent, and to send the document to a destination identified by the data.

The combination of Weiser and Drucker fail to teach a logical printer, a client agent, and a server agent configured as recited by Claim 16. For at least this reason, Claim 16 is patentable over those references as are Claims 17 and 18 which depend from Claim 16.

Claim 19 is directed to a method for distributing information and recites the following.

1. in response to a user selection of a logical printer to print a document on a client computer, connecting to a server;
2. sending the document to the server;
3. displaying a user interface received from the server, the user interface enabling a user to enter data identifying a destination for the document;

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4. returning data entered by the user through the user interface to the server so that the server can send the document to a destination identified by the data.

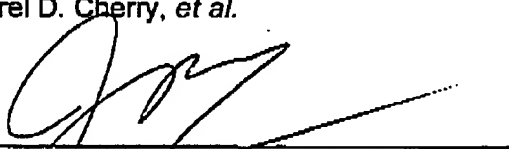
Claim 19 recites a method that the system of Claim 13 is configured to implement. For at least the same reasons Claim 13 is patentable, so are Claim 19 and Claim 20 which depends from Claim 19.

CONCLUSION

Claims 13-20 are felt to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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